



MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

DECISION NOTICE

Willow Creek Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection / Decontamination Station

Prepared by:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Proposal and Final Action

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposes to lease approximately 1/2 acre of private ranch land along State Highway 2 approximately 0.5 miles south of the town of Lothair, Montana on Willow Creek road to establish a seasonal aquatic invasive species (AIS) inspection station.

The objective of the proposed project is to establish a seasonal AIS inspection station in a convenient location along US Highway 2 south of Lothair in order to minimize the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species in Montana waterways.

Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA)

MEPA requires Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) to assess the potential consequences of the proposed action for the human and natural environment. Environmental Assessment was prepared and released by FWP on February 5, 2019. The 15-day public comment period ended February 19, 2019.

The Final EA provides the FWP Decision Maker (AIS Program Coordinator) with the best available information to assist in evaluating the project and deciding whether to approve, not approve, or modify the proposed action in a Decision Notice. The Fish and Wildlife Commission approved this action at the February 15 meeting.

Summary of Public Comments

A total of 6 public comments were received. All in favor of the proposal. One comment supported the proposal but had added comments out of the scope of this proposal.

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Based on the EA disclosures and analyses of potential impacts, FWP concludes that the proposed action will not result in any significant impacts. FWP will adopt the draft EA as the final EA and proceed with the proposal as planned. Copies of the final EA are available upon request.

Thank you for your interest,

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